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Three Months, \$2.**ADVERTISING** — One square first insertion, \$1 50; each subsequent insertion, 75 cents.A liberal deduction made to yearly ad-
vertisers.**General Orders.**HEADQUARTERS DIVISION OF WEST MISSISSIPPI,
New Orleans, May 25, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 61.

1. By the terms of a convention entered into this day, on the part of General E. K. Smith, commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department, and Major-General E. R. S. Canby, commanding the Military Division of West Mississippi, the forces, military and naval, of the Trans-Mississippi Department, and the public property under their control, have been surrendered to the authorities of the United States.

In carrying out the stipulations of this convention the following conditions will be observed:

1. All acts of hostility on the part of both armies, are to cease from this date.

2. The officers and men of the Confederate Army and Navy, within the limits of the Texas-Mississippi Department, to be paroled until duly exchanged, or otherwise released from the obligations of their parole by the authority of the Government of the United States. Dispatches, of all officers and men paroled, to be retained by such officers as may be designated by the parties to this convention; officers giving their individual parole, and commanders of regiments, battalions, companies, or detachments, signing a like parole for the men of their respective commands.

3. Artillery, small arms, ammunition, and other property of the Confederate Government, including gun-boats and transports, to be turned over to the officers appointed to receive them on the part of the Government of the United States. Dispatches, inventories of the property to be surrendered, to be prepared, one copy to be retained by the officer delivering, and the other by the officer receiving it, for the information of their respective Commanders.

4. The officers and men paroled under this agreement to be permitted to return to their homes with the assurance that they will not be disturbed by the authorities of the United States, so long as they continue to observe the conditions of their paroles, and the laws in force where they reside. Persons, residents of Northern States, and not excepted in the Amnesty Proclamation of the President, will be permitted to return to their homes, on taking the oath of allegiance to the United States. See paragraph II, General Orders, No. 55, current series.

5. The surrender of property will not include the side arms, or private horses, or baggage of officers, nor the horses which are, in good faith, the private property of enlisted men. These last will be allowed to take their horses to their homes, to be used for private purposes only.

6. The time, mode, and place of paroling, and surrender of property, will be fixed by the respective Commanders, and will be carried out by Commissioners appointed by them.

7. The terms and conditions of this convention to extend to all officers and men of the Army and Navy of the Confederate States, being in, or belonging to, the Trans-Mississippi Department.

8. The troops and property to be surrendered within the limits of the Division of Missouri, will be turned over to Commissioners appointed by the Commander of that Division, and the men and material of the Navy, to Commissioners appointed by the Commanders of the Mississippi and West Gulf Squadrons, respectively, according to the limits in which the said men and material may be found.

9. Transportation and subsistence to be furnished at public cost to the officers and men, (after being paroled,) to the nearest practicable point to their homes.

10. If the United States troops, designated for the garrisons of interior points, should not reach their destinations before the work of paroling is completed, suitable guards will be detailed for the protection of the public property. These guards, when relieved, will surrender their arms, and be paroled in accordance with the terms of this convention.

11. The U. S. troops sent into the interior of the country, will be kept in hand, in a state of the most exact discipline, and in constant readiness for any service which they may be called upon to perform. When de-

tachments are made for the purpose of protecting the inhabitants against Jayhawkers and other lawless characters, and on all marches through the country, the conduct of officers and men must be such, as to inspire the people with confidence and respect, and no depredations, however slight, or interference with the citizens in their lawful pursuits, will be permitted.

III. To guard against the waste or loss of public property, not under the control of the Confederate military and naval authorities, the civil officers or agents, in charge of such property, will be regarded as in the service of the United States, until relieved by the proper officers or agents of that Government. All sales of such property, or transfers, except to the authorized agents of the Freedmen's Bureau, all needful information on this subject can be obtained from Post Commanders and Provost Marshals, and it is made the duty of these Officers to see that the spirit of this order is enforced.

IV. Private property will not be interfered with, unless required for "public use," and where this is necessary, it will be taken in an orderly and regular manner, under the orders of the Commanding Officer, and the proper receipts will be given. Property so received will be disposed of and accounted for as any other public property.

V. Until the commercial restrictions and the blockade of the Gulf Ports, are removed by the President, no foreign or general commerce with those ports or with the interior of the country west of the Mississippi, (within the limits of this Division,) will be permitted, and trade will be limited to the wants of the Army and Navy, and the necessities of the inhabitants within the limits of military occupation. To the extent of these necessities, military permits and clearances may be given for supplies not prohibited by existing orders, but no permits or clearance will be given to any point that is not occupied by a military or naval force.

VI. In the neighborhood of military posts, the inhabitants may freely bring in their produce, and take out such supplies as may be required for plantation and family use. Live stock, provisions of all kinds, fuel and other products and material, required by the Army and Navy, or for the use of the railroads, may be freely sold in open market, or to other producers of manufactured articles, who are engaged in exchange, except by order of the Quartermaster's Department for consumption in Purchasing Agent of the Treasury Department.

VII. Under the authority of the Executive Order of April 29th, 1865, all "well disposed persons" who except in good faith the President's invitation to return to peaceful pursuits, are assured that they may resume their usual vocations, not only without molestation, but if necessary, under the protection of the United States troops conforming to the regulations of the Treasury Department, and to the additional condition of not fabricating or dealing in articles contraband of war.

By order of

Maj. Gen. E. R. S. CANBY;

C. T. CHRISTENSEN,

Lt. Col. Asst. Adj. Gen.

HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN DIVISION OF LA.,

Shreveport, La., June 3d, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 19.

In accordance with Special Orders No. 142, ex. 12, dated Headquarters Department of the Gulf, New Orleans, La., May 29th, 1865, the Headquarters of this command are transferred from Baton Rouge, La., to Shreveport, La., Commanding Officers of Posts in Northern Division, will make the reports required by existing orders to these Headquarters.

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GENERAL ORDERS, No. 20.

For the benefit and information of planters and others living within the limits of this command, the following information as to the future policy of the Government in reference to labor is announced. There are no longer any slaves in the United States; All persons heretofore held as such became free by virtue of the Executive proclamation of January 1st, 1863, commonly known as the Emancipation Proclamation. All attempts to retard the action of this proclamation or to evade its provisions will be considered as but a new manifestation of the spirit of re-

sistance to the lawful authorities of the government. In this regard as in all others the armies of the United States will support and require obedience to her laws. At the same time to all who are disposed to submit quietly to the laws of the land, the greatest possible assistance will be given, and it is recommended to all such that the Freedmen be employed under specific contracts at reasonable wages and kindly treated. No encouragement will be given to the latter class to leave their former masters, but they must learn that they cannot be supported in idleness or allowed to congregate at military posts. To be worthy of their freedom, they must be industrious and honest. Their status will in no way be compromised by remaining at their homes and working for wages. Until the arrival of authorized agents of the Freedmen's Bureau, all needful information on this subject can be obtained from Post Commanders and Provost Marshals, and it is made the duty of these Officers to see that the spirit of this order is enforced.

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**President Johnson's New Amnesty
Proclamation.**

WASHINGTON, May, 29.

*A Proclamation by the President of
the United States of America.*

WHEREAS, The President of the United States, on the 1st day of December, 1863, and on the 26th day of March, 1864, did, with the object to suppress the existing rebellion, to induce all persons to return to their loyalty, and to restore the authority of the United States, issue proclamations offering amnesty and pardon to certain persons who had directly or by implication participated in said rebellion; and

WHEREAS, Many persons who had

been justly deprived of all claim

to amnesty and pardon thereunder, by reason of their participation, directly or by implication, in said rebellion, and continued their hostility to the Government of the United States since the date of said proclamation, now desire to apply for and obtain amnesty and pardon; to the end, therefore, that the authority of the Government of the United States may be restored, and that peace, order, and freedom may be established;

I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, do hereby grant to all persons who have directly or indirectly participated in the existing rebellion, except as hereinafter excepted, AMNESTY AND PARDON, with the reservation of all rights of property, except as to slaves, and except in cases where legal proceedings under the laws of the U. S. providing for the confiscation of property of persons engaged in the rebellion have been instituted, but on the condition, nevertheless, that every such person shall take and subscribe the following oath of allegiance, and then forward to the Secretary of State his bond to abide by the same:

We do acknowledge to Major S. D. OLIVER, as a candidate for State Treasurer,

Isaacson, Isaacson & Kline, Bacon, Bacon, &c.,

W. H. Clapp, W. H. Clapp, &c.,

W. H. Seward, Seward, &c.,

For State Treasurer.

We are authorized to announce Col. ROBERT L. BURKE, of the Parish of Sainte Genevieve, as a candidate for State Treasurer at the ensuing election.

And we acknowledge to announce Major S. D. OLIVER, as a candidate for State Treasurer.

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